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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST NICHOLAS MASTORODIMOS

REF: TELEX MESSAGE OF 6 FEB.

1. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION PRESENTED WE DO NOT BELIEVE NICHOLAS MASTORODIMOS, A CITIZEN OF GREECE, HAS VALID CLAIM TO ASYLUM. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF PERSECUTION IN HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WAS DETAINED BY THE GREEK POLICE FOR QUESTIONING REGARDING HIS MEMBERSHIP IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. HE DOES NOT ALLEGE ANY DIFFICULTY IN DEPARTING GREECE FOR HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH APPEARS TO INDICATE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTEREST IN HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

2. ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION THUS FAR SUBMITTED, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT NICHOLAS MASTORODIMOS SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM REGULAR IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WOULD SUFFER PERSECUTION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL OPINION OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP SHOULD HE RETURN TO GREECE. SHOULD HE PRESENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH TO THE SERVICE SEEMS TO REQUIRE FURTHER REVIEW, WE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE CASE. KISSINGER

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